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AT MEETING Representative Jimmy Holley, Mayor Fred Moore, Councilman John Sharpless and Senator Crum Foshee look over Alabama 5-year highway plan.

Elba to Enterprise 4-laning included on state plans

The Alabama Legislature's Joint Highway Committee on Monday approved a 5-year highway improvement plan for the state. The final approval was without a dissenting vote.

The final plan included plans for four-lane work on Highway 84 from Elba to Enterprise, after con-

siderable efforts by Representative Jimmy Holley and Senator Crum Foshee.

Also attending the meeting that saw the Elba-Enterprise section added to the plan were Elba Mayor Fred Moore and Councilman John W. Sharpless.

The 5-year plan will cost in ex-

cess of \$2.4 million and Highway Director Royce King told the committee that existing state and federal revenues over the next five years would fall \$862 million short of totally funding the original \$1.7 billion plan.

Widening of U.S. 84 from Dothan to Enterprise is included in the plan as separate projects.

W & E Board ponders regulation

The Elba Water & Electric Board is wrestling with a regulation that requires installation of a cross-connect control and backflow prevention program in the water system to prevent disease, toxic materials and other hazardous liquids from getting into the water system.

The concern of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) is that a sudden surge of usage in water, such as opening of a fire hydrant, would cause the system to pull water from a business or home and possibly cause harm to those who later ingested the bad water.

Board members discussed the requirement at length and expressed concern at the financial burden the requirement would place on citizens who operate on a fixed income. The cost of the unit and installation is expected to be about \$30.00. The water user is responsible for the cost.

The Board is considering calling a meeting of all licensed plumbers and with them determining what the installation would cost the individual water users. The utility would then announce what the accepted maximum charge would be and urge the public to call their plumber.

Another method discussed was having water department crews do

all the work and add the charge to the utility bill over the next several months.

When the policy is approved, it is expected to immediately affect a list of known users of hazardous chemicals. Then the private homes will ultimately be afforded the check valves that prevent any backflow.

In other business the utility voted to increase the re-connect fee for water users who have been cut off for non-payment and their water meter has been removed from the ground.

The re-connect for these water customers will now be \$40, a policy adopted to better reflect the cost of actually re-installing the water meter once the old bill has been paid.

The electric department continues to show an increased profit in spite of a drop in usage. This is due to a drop in operating expenses of over \$30,000 for the year.

Water department sales and profits increased with sales going up \$6,000 and profits by \$8,000.

However the operation of the sewer pumps knocks all this for a loss with a \$7,000 increase in the cost of maintaining the pumping stations.

Rabid coon killed in Elba

Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey reported this week that a rabid coon had been killed in the Forest Lakes subdivision, located near Highland Drive.

The coon was killed at the home of Ricky Haywood and after being

sent to a state lab was discovered to be rabid.

Chief Hanchey warned all citizens that have pets to update rabies vaccinations and to also report any animals acting strangely.

Brantley Apparel purchased by Montgomery manufacturing firm

Montgomery businessman Ben C. Collier, Chairman of the Board of The Collier Companies, joined with U.S. Representative William L. Dickinson on Monday to announce the acquisition of a new business and the creation of new jobs for citizens across south Alabama.

In making the announcement, it was revealed that Collier had recently completed negotiations and purchased Brantley Apparel, Inc., a commercial manufacturer of women's clothing items and other apparel specialties.

Former co-owners Brad Mullins and Barbara Johnson will continue in management roles at Brantley Apparel, while Rick L. Cippelle, chief executive officer of The Col-

lier Company, will serve as the company's president.

"I'm proud to be associated with Brantley Apparel and its established reputation for high quality, competitively priced garments," stated Cippelle. "With a skilled workforce in place and available production capacity, there's definitely a bright future for the apparel business here in Brantley."

Local officials and dignitaries joined with Collier and Dickinson for the ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the event and Collier declared "It's a great pleasure to have Brantley Apparel become the newest Collier Company. There's every indication that business demands will create at least 100 additional jobs in this facility."

Police department continues to be major topic at New Brockton council meeting

The New Brockton City Council met on Monday night, April 3, at City Hall and again discussed possible problems in the city's police department.

Councilman Layman Tindol told the mayor and council that patrolman Jerry Gilbert was released after a state agency questioned the legality of his employment, but reported that there was a vacancy in an in-

coming police academy set to begin on April 17 and recommended that Gilbert be re-employed effective April 16 and be sent to the academy.

Councilman Charles Cole voiced opposition to the hiring of any policeman because of what he called "a lack of adequate advertising" and stated the council should review all applications and take part in inter-

views.

The council agreed to review the applications at a special meeting set for tonight (April 6); however, Cole wasn't satisfied and questioned why there were two stories floating around concerning Gilbert.

Cole stated that one story was that Gilbert had quit the force when it was his time to go to the academy, while another story was that an application had never been made for the former patrolman to go to any academy.

The council discussed the matter briefly and then repeated that it would review all applications at the special meeting.

Councilman Britt Lee questioned whether or not raises had been given to any policemen in the city and was told that the salaries of policemen was set in 1984 and when one patrolman was hired he was not paid according to the set schedule.

It was stated that while the patrolman's salary was adjusted, no back pay was given and while there was a raise in pay, it was not an actual raise, simply a matter of correcting a mistake.

Lee and Cole asked why they were not informed of the mistake and subsequent change in pay, prompting Councilman Ralph Medley to answer "I knew about it and if you have any questions about the police department you should ask Layman (Tindol) and not bring it up at the meetings where it causes problems."

Lee responded "I waited for Layman to bring it up tonight when he was talking about the police, but when he didn't mention it I had to ask the question."

Councilman Medley reported it was "time to start cleaning up" and urged all the citizens to help by cleaning up their own property.

Councilman Cole asked if there was an ordinance dealing with abandoned cars and was told the ordinance stated that all cars must have up to date tags and be in running condition.

The continuing problem concerning street lights was addressed when two residents requested that the city assume responsibility of a street light on a dead end street.

The residents reported they had the light installed and had paid the cost of the light, but it was too expensive to maintain and made the request for the city to assume responsibility.

Medley stated that street lights on dead end streets should be maintained by the city and promised to check into the request.

Medley also stated that erosion was a greater problem that street lights and reported that the light bills are being paid out of funds that also have to be used to repair the streets.

The subject of reported "missing funds" from the senior citizen's account was again brought up by Councilman Lee, and Mayor Jim Driskell answered that "If you have any questions you need to talk with the city attorney."

In other action at Monday night's meeting, the council:

***approved the minutes of the previous meeting and the bills for payment.

***was told a recent audit conducted by ADECA was accepted;

***was informed that a "Drive Through" sponsored by the SEARP & DC would pass through New Brockton on April 12;

***agreed to meet to discuss the possibility of updating the city's business license ordinance;

***was told that the police cars were in need of painting and informed that a volunteer had offered to paint the cars at no cost to the city;

***heard Cole report that private donations had been received to aid with the expense of operating the city's summer recreation program;

***appropriated \$100 to help with the cost of equipment for the recreation department.

***and, agreed to discuss the five proposals concerning the application of CDBG grants.

MISS ELBA PAGEANT
SATURDAY NIGHT
APRIL 8 7:00 P.M.
ELBA HIGH SCHOOL

Possible embezzlement of funds being investigated by County DA

The Coffee County District Attorney's office is continuing its investigation this week into the suspected embezzlement of funds from the Alabama Federation of Republican Women.

The Federation consists of 30 chapters across the state and raises its own funds, which are used for administrative purposes.

DA investigator Bruce DeVane reported last week that a complaint was filed with the district attorney's office regarding an apparent shortage of funds collected by the organization.

Mrs. Martha Foy, of Dothan, the president of the federation, declined to comment on the complaint and said only that "there is a shortage" in the group's financial

records.

DeVane stated that a preliminary investigation showed \$4,650 missing from the organization's account, but added that the figure was not conclusive.

Mrs. Foy did state that there was "much unity" within the organization despite the apparent shortage of funds and added that the funds are not used for contributions to Republican candidates.

Charlotte Hobson, the treasurer of the organization, was not available for comment.

DeVane stated that the investigation was continuing and all findings would be represented to the next session of the Coffee County Grand Jury, Enterprise division, set for June 19.

Comm. Dubose continues fight against overweight trucks operating in county

The recent increase in the amount of timber being cut in Coffee County and across all of south Alabama is very noticeable to anyone who drives along any highway.

While it is true that the increased activity is helping to bring jobs and money into the area, the damage done to many roads by just a handful of trucks hauling overweight loads has drawn the ire of Coffee County Commissioner Jim Dubose, who has pledged to lead a fight to make those responsible for the damage pay for the repairs.

"You could say that I am deeply distressed over the damage being done to our roads by trucks hauling overweight loads of timber to wood yards," said Comm. Dubose following a recent tour of county roads. "Loggers are doing a lot of cutting in the north part of the county and a few of the loggers are literally tearing up our roads. When they tear up the roads the counties have to add taxes and the citizens are the ones who have to pay for the actual repairs. It isn't right that loggers hauling overweight loads get away scott free and the citizens are left holding the bag."

Coffee County engineer Mark Pool reported that many roads in the rural areas of the county carry a 10-ton weight limit, while the state limit is 40 tons (80,000 lbs.) and trucks are allowed a ten percent grace weight.

The enforcement of overweight trucks is far greater on Interstate highways than it is on county roads," remarked Pool, "and it only took four days for loggers to destroy part of County Road 71."

The county simply doesn't have the funds to maintain the roads that some of the loggers are tearing up," added Pool.

Commissioner Dubose was quick to point out that it was only a few of the loggers causing the



This highly traveled road in north Coffee County has been reduced to rubble in many places by overweight trucks operating in the county.

problems and reported that the damage to the roads wasn't the only problem being caused.

"In many areas the loggers are destroying the shoulders of the roads," said Dubose, "and you can see many places where the timber was cut right up to the edge of creeks and the limbs and other debris were left in the actual creeks, which could lead to the creeks becoming blocked and causing even more problems."

The majority of the logging companies abide by the law and some yards won't even accept overweight loads," stated Dubose, "but it is the ones who don't care about the laws, the land and the roads who are causing the problems."

A recent check at a lumber yard revealed that of 45 tickets issued, 15 were to loads in excess of 80,000, while 9 were to loads over 90,000 and 2 were to loads over 100,000, with the average weight

being 79,134.

"There will be no easy solution to the problem," said Dubose, "but something has to be done. The most obvious solution is the enforcement of the weight limits, which in itself will be costly. Another possible solution would be to monitor the trucks as they enter the wood yards and adopt fines to those trucks that are overweight."

"It seems to me that the honest truckers in the business would be just as concerned about the problem as I am," declared Dubose. "The people hauling loads over the limit are in competition with the people obeying the law and when those hauling overweight loads can take less trips than those under the limit, it gives those breaking the laws an advantage."

"If we all work together to get laws passed and enforced maybe we can save our roads and our land before it's too late!"

Elba residents urged to "clean up for company"

"Elba is expecting company - won't you clean up and fix up for them?" says Pat Boothe, Elba City Clerk.

The Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission is conducting a developer's tour of seven Wiregrass counties, and Boothe is appealing to city residents to "clean up and fix up."

Elba city officials will meet the

visitors' bus in New Brockton Wednesday morning, April 12, and tour with the group through Elba to the Covington County line.

The tour will include Highway 84, both east and west; Smith Avenue to Hawkins-Williams Park; Bypass from Smith Avenue to Claxton; Troy Highway to Legion Field; Sunset and Highland to the

hospital and nursing home.

The commission representatives will see our schools, industries, recreational facilities and some of our residential area," said Boothe, "and we want to show them a clean city."

Boothe suggests the corner of Claxton and Sunset as a special place to adopt for clean-up.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

With Ferrin Cox

Our friends at City Hall in New Brockton are having the usual small town problems but it ain't cost them all of their sense of humor. The council warholing a town meeting last week when it was brought up that with all of Brockton's problems, they read in *The Elba Clipper*, that there is an other problem! The Elba National Guard has a big gun that can shoot all the way to New Brockton and blow them off the map! Maybe they won't really have to worry about that, just problems within the city limits.

We attended the Will Rogers show at the Elba High School last Saturday night. This was a 1988-89 feature of the Coffee County Arts Alliance. We are real fans of the late, great Will Rogers and were looking forward to the event. We probably have read most everything he wrote, more than once and listened carefully to be sure this man was not modifying the words of our hero. He did good.

Sometimes we don't realize what all we have to be thankful for in Elba. The Elba Rescue Squad is a case in point. We appreciate the professional way they do their job. Also, after reading about problems in the Opp squad, we are even more thankful. In Opp they are having a battle because a school trained EMT II who happened to be a woman was denied admission to the squad. The paper quoted one member as saying there would be "hanky panky" if a woman was on the squad. This even insulted us and should insult every professional medical person in the world. We have served on the Elba Rescue Squad and with women. We made trips to Pensacola, Dothan, Montgomery and Birmingham more than once with a female member of the squad. Never once did one of these ladies do anything that could be classified as "hanky panky". In fact at that time we had a policy that we wanted a woman on the trip when we were moving a female patient. . . it protects the integrity of the patient and the ambulance attendants. Plus . . . this is probably an argued point but women seem to have more natural tenderness with sick folks than the average man.

Elba folks need to make a special effort to thank Representative Jimmy Holley and Senator Crum Foshee. The 5-year master highway plan was already drawn up and printed when Holley discovered that the Elba to Enterprise portion of U. S. 84 wasn't on the plan. He got busy and worked it all out. When the joint highway committee met Monday afternoon, Chairman Crum Foshee suggested the addition, explaining he had the consent of the highway director and House Speaker James Clark, and in the blink of an eye it had passed. Of course it didn't hurt that Holley had Elba Mayor Fred Moore and Councilman John W. Sharpless signing an arm's length away from Foshee during the meeting.

Frank Jackson State Park in Opp is scheduled to open some time this summer. The fishing probably won't be that of world records yet, but there should be some of that first year "fast" fishing. We will see you there.

The unofficial word we are hearing is that the Coffee County Lake will reopen around the first of June. This ain't official, just street talk. They advertised some time back for someone to run the facility and we assume that by now that is all taken care of, necessary repairs made and everything moving forward. That lake was once one of the top fishing lakes in Alabama and could (should) be again.

This Country Boy had a birthday a couple days ago. It was completely forgotten until the opening of the morning mail and a birthday card from our oldest child. It was nice and even had a big tear-out sheet inside and a notation that I could wear it on my birthday. I read *I AM THE BOSS*, but was followed by smaller but clear instructions to return the card to Mom the next day. Now that is downright insulting. We long ago accepted the idea that Mother bossed us for 18 years, the Army was next for first a joining plus an emergency recall and then we got married. . . boss, boss boss, but we didn't realize that anyone else knew these facts.

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Dear Editor,
I am renewing my subscription to *The Elba Clipper* for I have really enjoyed the paper.

I was born in Coffee County and lived there most of my childhood, which was during the hard times for everyone!

Each week I read your paper I feel so proud of Coffee County. The people seem to take so much time with the schools and all the students. I think it is wonderful the things you're all doing for the schools.

Hope things will continue to be the way they seem to be now.

Sincerely,
MRS. BLANCHE H. WELLS

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department reported another active week with a total of 7 arrests (public intoxication, menacing, harassment and negotiating worthless negotiable instruments-4) and 21 traffic citations (driving under the influence-4, running a stop sign, speeding-13, improper brake lights, no drivers license and drivers license required).

Following are daily activity reports:

TUESDAY, MARCH 28
Activity included a wreck on County Road 11 (8:15 a.m.) and a disturbance at Elba Villas (10:18 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29
Activity included a report of a missing person (6:51 a.m.), a fire at the city dump (5:39 p.m.) and a report of a missing child at Kendrick's Apt's (7:14 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 30
Activity included a disturbance at Morrow Village (5:39 p.m.) and a fight at Elm Street involving a man with a gun (9:46 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 31
Activity included a complaint from Hardees concerning juveniles blocking the drive (8:30 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
Activity included an intoxicated pedestrian at the police station (12:44 a.m.), a prowler at Johnson Road (12:54 a.m.), a prowler at Guyton Street (7:43 p.m.) and a request from Hardees to clear the lot (10:35 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APRIL 2
Activity included a wreck on Highway 125 (2:02 a.m.).

MONDAY, APRIL 3
Activity included a fight at Jackson Street (12:14 a.m.).

American Legion

Post 42 To Meet

Tonight In Elba

The American Legion and Auxiliary, Culver Post 42, Elba, will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at Legion House on Troy Road.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Lolley, District Commander and Coffee County Veterans Service Officer.
All veterans and their wives are invited to attend.
A covered dish supper will be served by the Auxiliary.

OBITUARIES

MINNIE SPURLIN

Mrs. Minnie Spurlin, age 78, of Elba, died March 29, 1989, at her home.

Funeral services were held March 31, at 10 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Revs. Richard Lawson and Dr. Robert Kirkland officiating.
Burial followed in the Curtis Baptist Church Cemetery, with Hayes directing.
Survivors include one son: Gary Spurlin, Troy; three daughters: Faye Baker, Webb, Ala.; Melba Croft, Ozark; Nadine Jones, Elba; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

PAULINE JOHNSON HANSON
Mrs. Pauline Johnson Hanson, age 62, of Elba, died April 2, 1989, at her home.
Graveside services were held April 3, at 2 p.m. in the Chestnut Grove Church Cemetery with Min-



MISS ELBA CONTESTANTS. Six of Elba High School's loveliest students will compete Saturday night, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. when the 1989 Miss Elba pageant is held at the Elba High School auditorium. Contestants include (l-r) Laura Register, Christy Smith, Sheila Nelson, Calista Fleming, Leigh Ann Jones and Katie Rushing.

Miss Elba Pageant Saturday Night

The annual Miss Elba pageant will be held on Saturday night, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium with a total of six lovely ladies competing for the cherished title of Miss Elba 1989.

The pageant is sponsored by the Elba Athletic Club and admission will be \$3 adults and \$2 students.

The contestants will be judged on written communications, judges interview, verbal communications, poise and appearance, evening gown and impromptu response.

The verbal communications, evening gown, poise and appearance and impromptu response competition will take place Saturday night during the pageant, while the remaining competition will be completed prior to the actual pageant.

Contestants in this year's Miss Elba pageant include Laura Register, Christy Smith, Sheila Nelson, Leigh Ann Jones, Katie Rushing and Calista Fleming.

Persons admitted to Elba General Hospital during the period of March 28 through April 3 include the following:

Barney Patterson Jr., Brenda Parks, Silvie I. Holderfield, Mary A. Johnson, Brandie S. Locke, Jennifer Kay Lindsey, Justin D. Knight, Alice English, Virginia Reeves Long, Kevin Parks, James W. Eldridge, Mickey G. Parker, Zelma Caldwell, Mike Bryan, Marika L. Johnson, Vesta Bailey, Mary Nell Knight, Paul Nelson, Lizzie M. Pope, Tommie Davis.
Those discharged during the same period of time include: Lena Scay, Lillian Rowe, Maynard Manning, Darrel Corley, General Dewberry, Barney Patterson Jr., Mary A. Johnson, William Williams, Brenda Parks, Justin D. Knight, Silvie I. Holderfield, Jennifer Kay Lindsey, Brandie Locke, Mike Bryan, Marika L. Johnson, Vesta Bailey, Kevin Parks.

BRITNEY LEIGH VANDENBERG
Britney Leigh Vandenberg, age 6, of Kissimmee, Fla., died unexpectedly Friday, March 31, 1989.

Funeral services were held April 4, at 2 p.m. in Orlando, Fla.
A memorial service will be held Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m. at the Dorcas Baptist Church, Chestnut Grove.

Survivors include her parents: Jeff and Patsy Johnson Vandenberg, of Kissimmee, Fla.; a brother: Jarod; paternal grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vandenberg, Kissimmee, Fla.; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Weber, Jack Rt. 1, and the late Mr. Royce Johnson.

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Daddy's Old Wagon (Symbolic, Yet More)

By: Faye Brown Moundville, Ala.

Daddy's old wagon was simply, that - "OLD". It was second, perhaps even third-hand, when obtained as part of the "unit" necessary for our living from the land upon which we were thrust during the Great Depression. The wagon consisted of a shabby, pine-timbered box atop an aging, but still-strong axle, tongue, and four wooden-wheeled "foundation". It came as part of a package-deal with the mules, stubborn Ole Frank and his mate, gentle Pat.

If Daddy's wagon had ever boasted a coat of shiny red paint you couldn't tell it when it came to us. It was a weathered gray with some of the decaying parts held together here and there—by pieces of rusted hay-baling wire. The wagon bed was wired in places, as was some of the hardware on the tongue and the double-tree. (This latter was eventually repaired by a trip to Grandpa's little blacksmithing operation).

During hot, dry summers the floppy metal rims of the wheels had to be wired until we could spare the time to soak the wheels in the creek's edge, causing the wood to again swell to fit the rims.

Looking back now—forty, fifty years later—I realize the wagon was a symbolic item in my young life. It symbolized then—as it still does now—security, love, and much more.

The rough board nailed across Daddy's wagon bed (near the front) was a far cry from the sophisticated spring-seats on some wagons of the day. It was even further removed from the plush seat of my Uncle Ferman's "Hoover Buggy". (This was a wagon my Dad's baby brother had made by using the chassis and seat of his fancy T-Model Ford car when gas became unobtainable during the depression years).

But that sagging seat at the front of my Daddy's wagon was a place of happiness and love for me as a wee tot. At first I rode there in Mama's arms, then sat upon her lap. Later I was afforded a place in stand-sit between Daddy's legs where I was cushioned from the seat's splinters by the sagged quilt. Mama always folded thereon for long rides. From that enviable position Daddy'd let me hold the reins and drive Ole Frank and Pat as he lazily clucked to them returning from a trip to Granny's on a Sunday afternoon.

As a truth, more times than not the wagon WAS a place for gently clucking to the old mules, usually a time for a relaxed unhurried going. The pace in the wagon was not at all like the times when Daddy had the mules hooked to a stump in the new ground, yelling and hollering to make them pull at their utmost strength. Nor was it like the times, plowing around the tender vegetables in the garden, when Daddy'd scream sharply, "WHOA, FRANK, WHOA, I-TOLD-YE, GEE!" (Daddy was not to blame for his impatience then, as he was fearful; over a huge hoof crushing a fine tomato plant).

But trips in the wagon were for fun and relaxation—our way of getting from here to there, and from there to here. Trips to the church and back—even at night, returning along a precipitous road—were slow, happy times when Daddy whistled a little blacksmithing tune. (Daddy was not to blame for his impatience then, as he was fearful; over a huge hoof crushing a fine tomato plant).

Another unusual use of Daddy's wagon occurred the summer we had to outrun a fast-moving rainstorm, gathering the hay into the barn. That old wagon cooperated grandly as we buzzed like bees—loading hay onto the wooden V-shaped rack (that had been placed into the wagon bed), drove to the barn, threw the foliage into the loft, drove, re-loaded, drove, unloaded, drove, loaded. . . Bill, at the reins that day, dismounted.

Practice will be held Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Entry fee is \$15 and may be paid no later than Thursday night, April 27.

Prizes for winners are available at school or may be picked up at the courthouse (second floor).

Admission is \$3.00 adults and \$2.00 students.

For more information call 897-3864 before 5 p.m. - or 527-3585 after 6 p.m.

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of the wagon—with its tailgate removed—or on the coupling pole and drag our toes through the hot sand of the road.

A Saturday trip taking a wagon load of corn to the gristmill wasn't that rushed either. Nor the occasional trip into town and back on a Saturday for flour, coffee and a big stick of peppermint candy. Daddy knew the mules were tired from the week's work and didn't need whipping and rushing. It was a time for talking over the week's happenings and for commenting on the need for rain, or the blackness of the corn blades along the creek bottoms as the family rode slowly along in the wagon.

The times are few that Daddy's old wagon ever flew like the wind. One exception was the time, as a 12-year-old, Bill was holding the reins outside a grocery when a boy rode speedily by on his wheel (bicycle), spooking Ole Frank and Pat, causing them to bolt and run with the speed of light—for so it seemed to Bill as he and the load of produce-being-delivered flew down the road.

Another unusual use of Daddy's wagon occurred the summer we had to outrun a fast-moving rainstorm, gathering the hay into the barn. That old wagon cooperated grandly as we buzzed like bees—loading hay onto the wooden V-shaped rack (that had been placed into the wagon bed), drove to the barn, threw the foliage into the loft, drove, re-loaded, drove, unloaded, drove, loaded. . . Bill, at the reins that day, dismounted.

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JUDGE MARION BRUNSON (L) is shown receiving a certificate from Dean Nathaniel Hanford of the School of Law for his completion of the Probate Judges' Orientation Conference. The conference is held once every six years to help train newly elected judges and update experienced ones, and was hosted by the University of Alabama Law Center.

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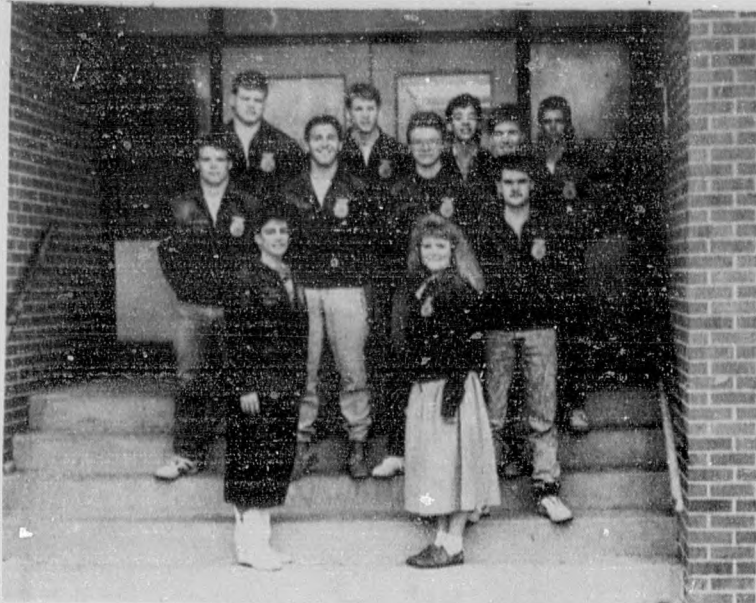
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FFA JACKETS HAVE ARRIVED!

Pictured are members of the Elba FFA chapter who received their FFA jackets recently. The jackets will be worn at various FFA functions throughout the year.

By: Shiloh Allen



PICTURED ARE Alice Hammonds, Linda Hodge, Zack Steele and Maria Williams, students entering the annual essay contest sponsored by the Bogardus S. Cairns Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. The contest is open to all students in the junior high/middle schools and high schools of Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Houston, and Pike counties, and requires an essay of 400 to 600 words in length on the topic "Olive North - Patriot or Criminal?" First-place winners will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond; second place - \$50 bond. These students who entered the contest are in Mrs. Padgett's study skills class. Other students in the class were required to write an essay of at least 100 words on the same topic, and before writing the essays had to visit the library and employ their research skills - locating, reading, and notetaking.

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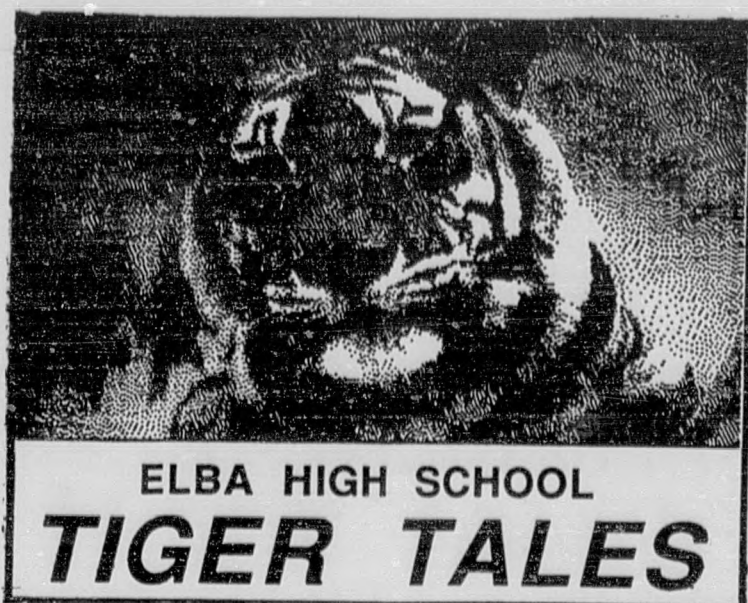
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The ACT Assessment is changing. Beginning in October, 1989, students will take a new version of the ACT - the Enhanced ACT Assessment - that is somewhat different from the ACT recently taken. Colleges and scholarship agencies that have already received your scores on the current ACT Assessment will still be able to use them. You will not have to contact them, because they already have the information they need to use your scores as they make admission and scholarship decisions.

Those wishing to send additional reports of these scores to other colleges and agencies later on will be able to do so.

For those students who are satisfied that the ACT scores provide an accurate picture of educational development in the content areas the test covers need not take the ACT again, just because it is being changed. On the other hand, if you aren't happy with your scores, make your decision about retaking after talking things over with your parents, counselor and teachers. And, for those who decide to retake after June, 1989 - don't worry! While the Enhanced ACT Assessment may seem a little different from the test you've already taken, it has not been designed to be any more difficult.

Career Fair Set For ESJC

The eleventh annual Career Fair will be held at Enterprise State Junior College gymnasium Thursday, April 27. Anyone may attend and there is no charge. Students attending will be able to talk to resource persons representing numerous careers, businesses and area industries concerning their companies' products, services, employment possibilities, etc. For more information call 347-2623 or 1-800-874-3399, Ext. 297.

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These students attended the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's production of *Romeo and Juliet* on March 30. This program has been made possible in part by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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ELBA CITY SCHOOLS

APRIL 10 - 14

ELBA ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Monday - Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Toast, Bacon, Jelly, Milk
Wednesday - Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Cinnamon Rolls (homemade), Juice, Milk
Friday - Cereal, Juice, Milk

ELBA HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH

Monday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Cookie, Milk
Tuesday - Hot Dog, French Fries, Cuscut, Baked Beans, Strawberry Shortcake, Milk
Wednesday - Spaghetti, Green Salad, Field Peas, Cakes with Vanilla Frosting, or Fruit Cup, Rolls, Milk
Thursday - Ham Sandwich, Lettuce, French Fries, Cuscut, Green Beans, Chocolate Pudding, Milk
Friday - Manager's Choice

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Molly Mills	Matt Henderson	Heath Wyndrick	Jack Windham	Rob Rhoades
Amelia Calhoun	David Micon		Dina Smith	Yolanda Walker
Fabreka Tillis	Lacinda Byrd		Sylvia Dixon	Deloris McBride
Maria Williams	Melanie Moore		Cherish Taylor	Tam Rhoades
8TH GRADE	Brent Bryan	8TH GRADE		Tim Sullivan
Kevin Bryan	Jamie Clark	Misty Boland		Whitney Wise
Casey Carroll	Wendy Moulton	Kevin Dewberry		Eddie Dismel
Grant Coleman	Renae Tidwell	Joe Donaldson		Rochelle Ellison
Leah Crowe	Lee Coleman	Lakia Hammonds		Lynn Farris
Kyle Padgett	Heather Stinson	Don Reeves		Regina Kelley
Alan Roberson	Dax Leardro	Heather Stinson		Susan Johnson
Jake Stokes	Danise Smith	Any Baker		Markell Addison
Emily Strong	Holly Wilson	Brian Goodson		Jim Goodson
Joe Jacobs	Gayna Smith	Lance McCollough		Charla Pearce
Chad Smith		Ron Bryan		Alicia Rowe
Laura Hall		Adrian Carley		Jennifer Taylor
9TH GRADE				Michelle Thigpen
Anthony Bradshaws				Kathryn Williams
Dorell Smith				
Page Jones				
10TH GRADE				
John Jacobs				
Rusty Bedole				
Stacey Knight				
Derek Stevens				
Bobby Spurlin				
11TH GRADE				
Matthew Morrow				
Chad Tindol				

Do You Remember ???

By Jennifer Prichard

The last set of questions and answers was:

1. What was Willis Jackson's famous line on "Different Strokes"? "Say What?!"
2. What popular cartoon character said, "What's up Doc?" Bugs Bunny

3. What well-known movie character said, "Leapin' Lizards!!?" An-nie.
4. If you were like me, you received a great deal of education from television before you started school. How much to you remember?

1. What show features segments

in Trolley Land?

2. On the show, "Sesame Street," there is one character that is only seen by one other character. Who is he?

3. Who sees him?

Tune in next week for the answers - and meanwhile, do your homework! (Just kidding...)

IT'S THE LAW

Old Cars, Appliances, Building Materials

The City of Elba will begin strictly enforcing the ordinance that makes it unlawful to keep cars in disrepair; old refrigerators, stoves, glass, building material, rubbish or similar items in open storage on residential property

There is a fine of up to \$500 and/or six months in jail possible, according to Ordinance #1987-2

The citizens of Elba are urged to help make Elba a cleaner community by cleaning up and removing such unsightly items



Ag instructor Harold Stewart points out some of the seventh-grade projects.

BEGINNING AG STUDENTS MAKE PROJECTS

By Lisa Holcomb

Keyholders, magazine racks, clocks, and home decorations are among the various projects being worked on by the seventh-grade agriculture students Mr. Harold Stewart, instructor, said that students enjoy working in the shop mostly because it is fun, but also because they like it better than regular book work.

During the first semester of the school year the students cut out maps of Alabama and painted the counties. The seventh-graders have been helped by some seniors who are aides for Mr. Stewart.

Gun racks and "welcome" plaques with ducks are also favorites among the different items they could make. Most all of this nine weeks will be spent in the shop.

For many of the students, this class has been their first encounter with any kind of machinery used to design, cut, or shape wood. The goal of the shop work is to teach students to use the jigsaws, skill saws, and other machinery while making something they can be proud of.

Wesley McWaters Chosen To Attend AREA Meeting

By Tate Gatlin

Wesley McWaters was chosen to represent Zion Chapel at the 1989 Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA) annual meeting. The meeting was held in Montgomery and lasted two days.

Students were greeted with an informal welcome reception at the Montgomery Civic Center. They were welcomed by Darryl Gates, editor of AREA magazine, and Bob-

by James, manager of the Tallapoosa River Electric Cooperative. After a Youth Appreciation Luncheon the students visited the Dept. of Archives and History. They also toured the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. Later that night a banquet was held for the students.

The next day the students toured the Statehouse and the Governor's Mansion before they attended a Government Affairs luncheon.

What Fashion Will Prevail At Prom?

By Rhonda Jackson

It's almost prom time again and that has the juniors and seniors running around trying to get the perfect outfit for the evening.

So what will the well-dressed folks be wearing this year? Most girls wouldn't give a detailed explanation of their dress, but some did give a few hints as to

what their dress looked like. The styles vary greatly this year, from the traditional long to dainty tea-length to revealing mini to the hot new waterfall style. The most popular color seems to be black.

But what about the guys who are just as worried about what to wear as the girls?

Most guys will be wearing black tuxedos with ties and cummerbunds to match their dates' dresses, but some want a little something extra to make themselves stand out, such as top hats, canes, and gloves.

This year's prom, as always, promises to be an exquisite show of fashions.

WHAT'S COOKING???

Coffee County Schools

April 10 - April 14

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly Or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Donut Or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage, Biscuit, Jelly, Or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Oatmeal, Toast, Or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Scrambled Egg, Toast, Jelly Or Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Country Fried Steak, Hotdog, Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy,

Broccoli W/Cheese Sauce, Roll, Fruit, Cherry Cobbler, Milk
Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Tuna Salad Sandwich, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll, Rice W/Gravy, Fruit, Butterscotch Pudding, Milk
Wednesday - Pizza, Cheeseburger, Corn on the Cob, Onion Rings, Fruit, Oatmeal Cookie, Milk
Thursday - Baked Ham, Chicken Sandwich, French Fries, English Peas, Roll, Fruit, Peach Cobbler, Milk
Friday - Sloppy Joe, Barbecue Pork, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Roll, Jelly W/Fruit, Milk

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Rebel Band Trip To New Orleans Set For May

By JoAnn Culver

Look out, Dixieland Jazz, here comes the award-winning Zion Chapel Rebel Band!

The Rebel Band will take a concert tour of New Orleans, La., May 12-13. The weekend tour will consist of two days and one night at the Bayou Plaza Hotel, located in the center of the city.

The band will have a fully paid dinner at a reputable restaurant, as well as a full hotel breakfast the following morning.

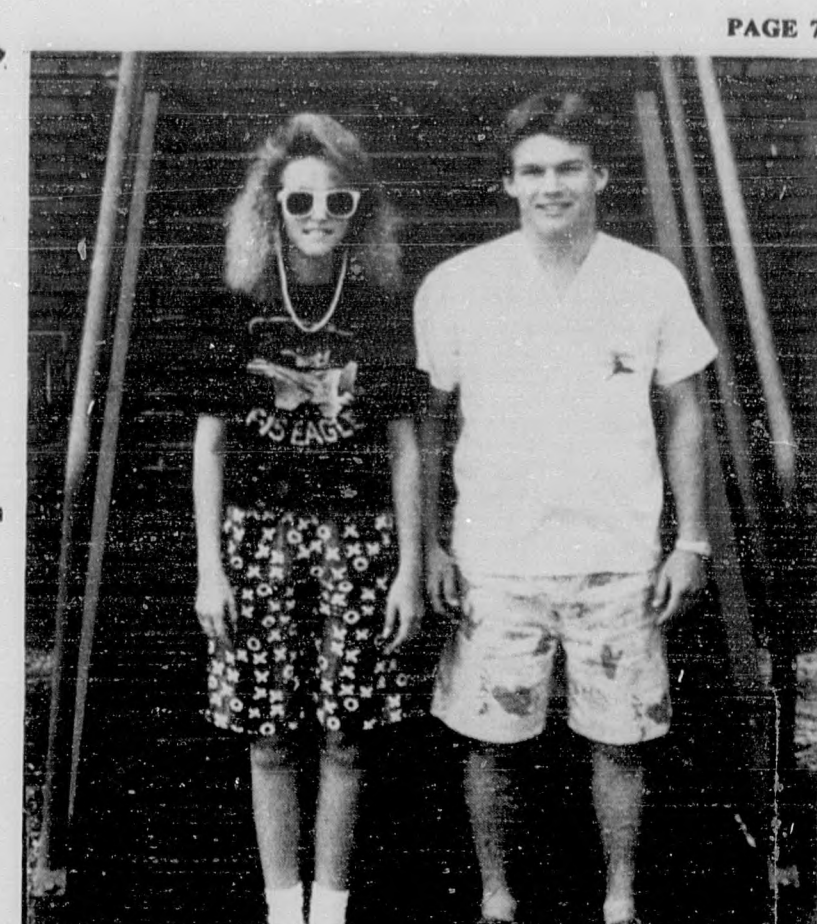
Tour fare is \$129 per person; each band member has the opportunity to earn the tour fare by selling doughnuts. Each box of doughnuts will earn \$1.05 in profit.

This amount will be credited to the individual band member's account. Money may also be earned by participating in a car wash and a school-wide bake sale.

Band members will tour the majestic mansions and beautiful gardens of the Garden District, which was developed after the Louisiana Purchase in 1803.

The most exciting activity of the day is the Mississippi River ferry-boat ride. The band will perform Dixieland jazz Saturday at noon in their own outdoor concert which tourists in the French Quarter will be able to hear. The band will not be judged in this performance.

The New Orleans concert will be performed purely for the love of making music and sharing it with others in a receptive atmosphere, which is certainly more of an intrinsic motivation than performing for a trophy or a prize.



Cheryl Fuller and Gary Grissett are models for shorts that are the correct length for wearing to school.

STUDENTS - PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULE

By Jeff Hussey

A new clothing policy at Zion Chapel has students excited: students can now wear shorts as long as they are knee-length! Tank tops, muscle shirts and open-sided shirts may not be worn to school.

What used to be a student's favorite pair of jeans is now a favorite pair of shorts. Now that they may wear shorts, students are cutting off their jeans so they will have some shorts to wear until they can get to town. Members of the student body hope everyone abides by the rules concerning the shorts. The majority of Zion Chapel students would like to keep it - so don't abuse it!

Seniors Celebrate Easter With Party & Egg Hunt

By Stuart Nelson

The seniors enjoyed their Easter holiday early when class sponsors Gale Jackson and Sonya Shaw threw a party and furnished an Easter egg hunt.

The party honored Justin Lowery, who was presented two Easter baskets full of fruit, candy, and

toys. The Easter party was given in the field house, where refreshments were served. The egg hunt was held in the break room. There were many different colors of eggs, such as green, blue, red, and two golden eggs. One of the golden eggs had 50 cents in it, and the other contained a dollar.

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I know thy works; and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil; and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars.

And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not failed.

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love, Rev. 1:2-4.

***Thank you, my praying for you.

Mrs. Willie Pearl Daniels, Mr. R. J. Jarrett, Mrs. Josephine Hart, Mrs. Nettie White, Mr. John Jackson, Mrs. Bessie Owens, Mr. Mack Wilson, Mrs. Fannie Hammond, Master Mason Oulley.

***The Oak Grove Baptist Church Choir Anniversary will be held April 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the church, Elba, Rev. Charlie Jones, pastor.

Scripture - Rev. Johnny Lawrence; welcome - Sis. Carolyn Blake, secretary. Sis. Alice McGrove is president.

***Master J.D. Tweedy, Augusta, Ga., visited Lucinda Carpenter and Juan and Sharon Williams, all of Elba, for a week.

***The seventh anniversary celebration for Rev. Henry Shy, pastor of Pea River Missionary Baptist Church, Hwy. 51 North, New Brockton, will be held Sunday, April 16, at 2 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Chester Hayes, pastor Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise.

Mistress of Ceremony - Sis. Virginia Cole.

Regular service at 11 a.m., dinner at noon hour, and program at 2 p.m.

Guest churches - Morning Star, Rocky Head and Blessed Hope.

Welcome - Sis. Helen Crittenden; talk - Dea. Damacus Crittenden; presentation of speaker - Rev. Eddie Engram; guac speaker - Rev. Chester Hayes; pastor Morning Star.

***Annual Men & Women Day will be held at Rocky Head M.B. Church, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor, Sunday, April 9.

***Choir Day - Shiloh Baptist Church, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor, Tarentum, Sunday, April 16.

***Kenya Baraka (Jo) Belcher, Brooklyn, N.Y., visited his father, Milton Belcher and family in Montgomery for two weeks. Before returning home, Jo and Milton visited Grover and Elba Belcher, Bobby and Evelyn Gulley, A.W. Williams, Lucille Rideaux, C.W. and Vera Williams (and Ernestine Kelley and family, all of Elba).

Jo is the grandson of Grover and Elba Belcher.

***Bobby Gulley, Greg Kelley, Derrick Hooks, and Marcus Kelley, Elba, visited Panama City Beach the past weekend. Report - cold weather!

***Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Jones

(Ann Henderson) and Cornelius Jr., La. Polk, La. (Lauda Stringer, Lucile Jones, Maude Ruth Henderson, and Iris Tanks, all of Montgomery, visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Henderson (Wilma) last week.

***It's a fact: Benjamin Oliver Davis Sr. was named the first Negro general in the U.S. Army.

His career began in 1898. Because of his skill and ability, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the 9th United States Volunteers shortly after he was graduated from Howard University.

Mustered out of the Volunteers in 1899, he re-enlisted in the Regular Army that same year. By 1901 he had moved up to the rank of second lieutenant in the Cavalry.

Step by step, he motivated the military ladder. In 1905 he was a first lieutenant; in 1915 a captain; in 1917 a major (temporary); in 1918-20 lieutenant-colonel; and in 1930 a full colonel.

For ten years he remained a colonel until pressures of World War II forced his promotion to Brigadier General. He rendered extremely valuable service in the desegregation of the military establishment.

After 50 years of outstanding service to his country, Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Sr. retired in 1948.

Great Negroes Past and Present ***Toda a good day. Be grateful! ERIC

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Applications can be sent to: Wiregrass Area CFC, P.O. Box 545, Fort Rucker, Ala. 36362-0545, or be delivered to Capt. Walter M. Wirth, Jr., the CFC program manager, at Building 5102, Room 104 at Rucker.

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There will be books covering a wide range of subjects, but adult fiction will be most heavily represented.

All books will be ten cents each; readers are asked to examine the books before buying, and the library requests that they NOT be given back.

Sale hours are Friday, Monday and Tuesday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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The eighteenth annual Calico Fort promises to be bigger and better than ever. Scheduled for April 8th and 9th, visitors of every age will find something to see, to buy, to learn and to enjoy.

Exhibitors, numbering 250 from eleven states including the Carolinas, Arkansas, Texas, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana and Florida, have been specially selected to represent the best artisans and craftsmen in their respective areas. One can expect to find the best in handsewing, woodwork, stained glass, knives, basket weaving, oil, pen and ink and pastel art, and plants of all kinds.

Food, food and more food will be a special treat as the men and women of the Fort's respective hot dogs, hamburgers and sweet confections of every sort.

Continuous entertainment is always present in the Fort's natural amphitheater. Some of the featured attractions for this special year will be guitarist and singer, Bob Thornhill; Lee Simmons, vocalist; Nutty Norman, the Magician; the Talladega Indian Dancers; Audrey Pinnas as Mark Twain (Saturday only) and Sarah Tackett will have her own special corner to weave her tales.

Bluegrass musical entertainment and fiddlers are also scheduled for the two-day event.

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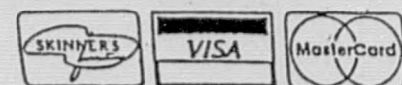
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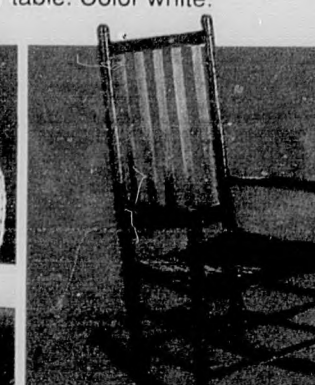
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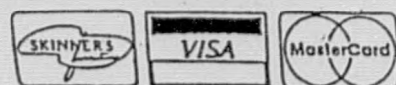
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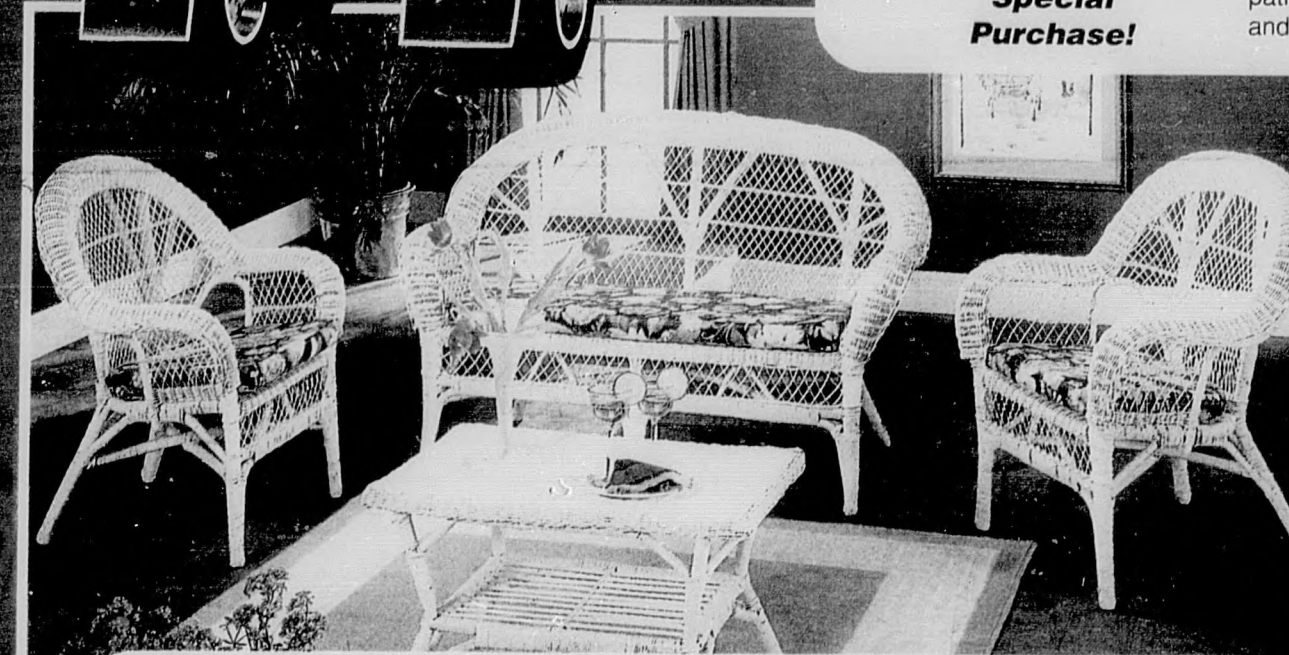


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County Commission seeks authorization to add five-cent per gallon tax to gasoline

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 10, at the Coffee County courthouse in Enterprise and voted unanimously to pass a resolution requesting Rep. Jimmy Holley to introduce legislation that would authorize the commission to implement a countywide tax on gasoline and diesel fuel in an amount up to five-cents per gallon.

The resolution was apparently in response to legislation already introduced that would keep counties from implementing such a tax in the future, and also in response to a report from county engineer Mark Pool that the county highway department needed to begin a five-year, \$2.6 million.

Pool reported that a total of 13 bridges in the county needed to be sandblasted and painted at a cost of \$250,000 and added that 204 miles of paved roads in the county needed to be resurfaced at a cost of \$2,440,000.

During a slide presentation in which Pool showed the commission color pictures of bridge and road deterioration across the county, the engineer declared "These are pressing problems that must be addressed."

"Our hands are tied," added Pool. "The commission can pay for the repairs now or wait and pay a lot more later."

The commission discussed the possibility of implementing a five-cent per gallon tax on gasoline and diesel fuel to pay the cost of the needed repairs, but heard Comm. Jim Dubose state "If we don't stop overweight trucks from using our roads, the resurfacing will only act as a stop-gap measure. We have to come up with a way of keeping the overweight trucks off the roads or the roads will always be in need of repairs."

After Pool told the commission he was studying the problem of overweight trucks operating on county roads and promised to present a plan that would solve the problem, Comm. Dubose suggested a public meeting be held to discuss

both the proposed tax and the problems caused by the overweight trucks.

"I think we should hold a public meeting to discuss placing the tax on gasoline and diesel fuel and hear what the people think," said Dubose. "At the same time we can discuss the problem of overweight trucks and listen to any possible solutions to both of the problems."

What is in the public interest is in our interest," declared Dubose, "and I think the public is intelligent enough to understand the problems and to discuss possible answers."

Comm. Sid Averett compared asking the public to approve the gas tax to "Asking a child if he wants a spanking," and said "If you have dealt with the public as long as I have you would have learned some things. Such a meeting would be a waste of time!"

Dubose repeated his belief that "The public is smarter than you give it credit for," but his wish for a public meeting fell on deaf ears.

The commission dropped the subject of a possible fuel tax and it failed to resurface when the commissioners were asked for any additional business; however, the matter was brought back up by Comm. Damascus Crittenden near the end of the meeting and the motion to take legislative action passed unanimously.

During his presentation concerning the condition of county bridges and roads, county engineer Mark Pool informed the commission that the state mandated that every bridge in the county be inspected every two years and that during a recent inspection he had "personally climbed under every bridge" to see the extent of rusting and deterioration and was "alarmed" at what he saw.

Pool added that he inspected every paved road in the county once a year and reported that after a recent

inspection it was evident that a minimum of 204 miles of roadway needed resurfacing.

Pool told the commission that with the county highway department doing the resurfacing it would cost \$2,440,000, and that when combining the bridge and road repairs, a five-year project would cost approximately \$5,538,000 per year.

Pool steered clear of asking for additional tax money, instead asking the commission to adopt a form of "revenue enhancement," but did state that a one-cent fuel tax would bring in approximately \$110,000 annually.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission:

***approved the minutes of the previous meeting with a slight correction;

***told the architect working on the new health department for Enterprise that it would decide at the next meeting whether or not the county would act as the contractor for the construction of the building and sub-contract the construction in an attempt to save money;

***agreed to seek bids on a telephone system for the new health department;

***held a public hearing on an application for a community development block grant dealing with the extension of systems in the county;

***received a petition from James Leverette signed by the residents of Cow Pen Creek Road;

***approved a request to install water lines to an "executive center" at the fairgrounds;

***agreed to sign a 35-50 year lease with the Alabama Forestry Commission for two acres of land on which the state is expected to construct a county office;

***agreed to send out invitations to bid on diesel fuel, concrete and steel piping;

***approved a request to purchase

chase two cutters using the state bid;

***approved a request from county engineer Mark Pool that approximately 36 miles of county roads be changed to make the roads "On System" roads and that a similar amount of roadway now "On System" be dropped from the list;

***and, heard that many area residents had expressed approval for a plan to organize adult day care facilities in the county.

The next scheduled meeting of the commission will be on Monday, March 24, at 9:00 a.m., at the courthouse in Enterprise.



County engineer Mark Pool discusses additional funding needed to complete a five-year resurfacing and bridge repair plan.

New Brockton council hires new policeman

The New Brockton City Council met Wednesday night in an adjourned meeting for about thirty minutes.

The business was light with only three basic items not completed at the regular meeting being considered.

erry Gilbert was named to the New Brockton police force after a heated discussion and a 3-2 vote by the council members. Councilman Ralph McNeely abstained from voting, since Gilbert is his son-in-law.

Councilman Charles Cole and Brent Lee voted against the hiring. There was discussion over the fact Gilbert's application wasn't dated and the council members, except for Police Commissioner Laymon Tindol, hadn't reviewed the application prior to the meeting. The council agreed to handle future applications differently.

Following the vote, Mayor Jim Driskell expressed his opinion that Gilbert was a fine citizen and would make a good police officer for New Brockton.

Lynwood Herron, of Quincy, Florida, and a New Brockton native, was named to do the paper work on a 50-50 matching grant for a Comprehensive Plan.

Cole told the council that Herron had told him there would be absolutely no cost to the city for his work. He could adapt work he is already doing to the needs of New Brockton and donate his efforts to his hometown.

Elba men stabbed Saturday

Two young Elba men were rushed to a Dothan hospital early Sunday morning after receiving life threatening stab wounds during an apparent altercation near a Teen Center on Carver Drive.

Elba Police Department officials reported that Leroy Demerest, of Jackson Street, in Elba, was apparently involved in an altercation with Maurice Waters and Steve Magwood, and during the altercation, both Waters and Magwood were stabbed.

Elba police and rescue officers were called to the Elba General Hospital at 11:54 on Saturday night after the two victims were taken to the hospital and both victims were transferred to a Dothan hospital, where both underwent emergency surgery.

Waters was reported to be in intensive care at press time recovering from stab wounds to the abdomen, while Magwood was still hospitalized with a wound to the chest.

Demerest, age 37, was charged with two counts of assault-1st degree in the incident.



MISS ELBA CROWNED...Miss Shelia Nelson (center) was crowned as the new Miss Elba at Saturday night's pageant. Christy Smith (left) was named first runner up and Laura Register (right) was chosen second runner up.

Shelia Nelson crowned Miss Elba

The annual Miss Elba pageant was held on Saturday night, April 8, at the Elba High School auditorium and crowned as Miss Elba 1989 was Miss Shelia Nelson, a 17-year-old junior at Elba High School.

Miss Christy Smith was named as the first runner-up, while Miss Laura Register was named second runner-up.

The new Miss Elba, selected from a field of six lovely contestants, is a member of VICA, the Senior Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta and the Junior Music Club and attends the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

Category winners in the event, which is sponsored by the Elba Athletic Club, included: Written Communications - Leigh Ann Jones; Judges Interview - Shelia Nelson; Verbal Communications - Christy Smith; Evening Gown - Christy Smith; Poise and Appearance - Shelia Nelson and Impromptu Response - Katie Rushing.

Selected as Miss Congeniality was Calista Fleming. The new Miss Elba will represent the city this fall at the National Peanut Festival pageant.

The refusal of a circuit court judge to grant a motion for the dismissal of an indictment against a New Brockton woman charged with illegal voting has led to an appeal being filed with the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Coffee County Circuit Judge Gary McAliley denied the motion to dismiss the indictment on March 6, however, last week the attorney for Lena Mae Carroll announced that the defendant was seeking an order from the appeals court to dismiss the indictment, suppress the writ of arrest and remove all records of any criminal proceedings brought against her.

Mrs. Carroll was indicted by a Coffee County grand jury in December on charges that she "fraudulently" cast a vote in a municipal run-off election held in New Brockton on Sept. 13, 1988.

Gareth Lindsey, the attorney for Mrs. Carroll, stated that the defendant should be granted immunity due to the fact that she honored a subpoena by the District Attorney's office for questioning.

Lindsey reported that his client presented herself, was interrogated by the prosecution and answered all questions "fully."

The indictment, according to Lindsey, was returned after Mrs. Carroll answered the questions concerning the election and voting practices.

Judge McAliley denied the motion for dismissal and in doing so stated that Mrs. Carroll had been read her Constitutional rights...was not under oath...gave no sworn testimony...and that her statements were in the nature of being "incidental."

Lindsey questioned whether or not a defendant could be prosecuted for violation of election laws after answering questions about the issue in question, which "made the basis of a subsequent indictment in which it is alleged that she cast an illegal vote."

Lindsey also stated that McAliley should have excused himself as the judge in the case since he had earlier excused himself from the trial of the election contest in the same municipal election.

Lindsey asked McAliley to excuse himself from the case since it arose from the earlier municipal election trial; however, Judge McAliley denied the motion and stated that the two cases were different and that he had no personal knowledge of Mrs. Carroll's situation.

In the appeal, Lindsey also asked the court to order McAliley to excuse himself from any further proceedings in the case.

Elba Elementary School principal Sara Sharpless (effective the end of the 1988-89 school year).

***heard Mrs. Carol Laney request a female physical education aide for the Elba Middle School;

***heard Mrs. Carol Laney question the amount of food served to students in schools;

***and, approved May 4 as the date for the next monthly board meeting.

Fugitive captured
A fugitive wanted in Illinois for parole violation was captured in Elba last week after local authorities received a tip concerning the man's whereabouts.

Roderick Rider, also known as George Rider, was arrested by Elba police and is being held for Illinois charges. Rider has refused extradition.

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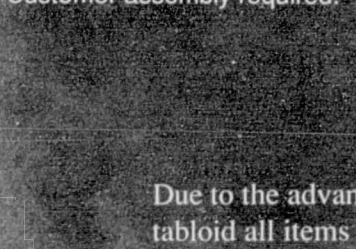
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AEA holiday to be recognized by Elba schools in 1990

The Elba City Board of Education met on Thursday night, April 6 and voted unanimously to adopt a school calendar for the 1989-90 school year that included a change back to AEA vacation.

The board had voted a year ago to take a "spring break" in mid-April and not to take the break during the traditional AEA holiday; however, at Thursday night's meeting it was reported that the faculty had recommended that the break be changed back to coincide with other schools and the board unanimously approved the request.

In other action at Thursday night's meeting, the board:

***approved the financial statement, which showed all areas in the black financially;

***agreed to seek a letter of intent from all staff members as to employment for the 1989-90 school year;

***voted to open bids on computer hardware and software for the central office on April 12;

***discussed the need for carpet, curtains and desks for the central office;

***was informed standardized testing was being held in all grades, while the state graduation exam was being administered in grades 11 and 12;

***approved field trips to Farley Nuclear Plant (8th graders), a Jazz Festival in Pensacola (high school jazz band), an Enterprise restaurant for a free meal won in a reading contest (Mrs. Boyd's 2nd graders) and the ESJC Career Fair (three classes);

***approved a fund raising project for the band;

***adopted a textbook plan approved by the local textbook committee;

***accepted the resignation of